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OPERATIONALISATION OF EDUSAT
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there has been a delay in operationalisation of EDUSAT network in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has made any efforts to gauge the effectiveness of tele-education through EDUSAT in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Original plan was to start the installation of EDUSAT network at 50 locations in Sikkim by July 2011 and operationalise them by October 2011. However, due to delay in the readiness of the site and longer time taken for installation and testing, the activity was completed for 48 locations by April 2012. Efforts to operationalise the EDUSAT network are under progress.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has made several efforts towards gauging the effectiveness of tele-education through EDUSAT in rural areas by employing various research methods and techniques in order to ensure optimum use of network.

These efforts among others include −(i) Regular monitoring and observation of EDUSAT network utilization (ii) Periodic telephonic survey with EDUSAT Coordinators for optimum utilization of the network; (iii) Educational Needs Assessment, Feedback and utilization studies through field surveys (iv) Pre-testing of educational programmes to measure its effectiveness.